

Education Committee

SUPPORT: Executive Budget Charter School Per Pupil Increase

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Dear Members of the Education Committee,

I hope you are doing well.

My name Karla Ramirez, my only son Didier Sanchez attends Achievement First Middle School currently, he also attended AF Elementary School previously.

Didi is our whole lives, and yet there was a moment when I thought we would lose our son. We were on vacation in Peru and he was hit by a car, full front impact. The damage to his body and cranium was extensive. His life was hanging on a thread. While the thoughts of this moment that knocked my husband and I to our knees, and threw us into absolute despair, the memories are heart wrenching till this day. I write to you and share this because, while I nearly lost my only son, there are mothers that live in our city that continue to lose their children to the streets on an ongoing basis. This should not be commonplace to see youth dying or going to jail, because we fail to provide them with viable options to live a productive life.

I ask you to keep in mind the truest value of doing what is right! Providing all children with quality schools- like our public charters- equality in educational funding, meeting the needs of children- like my Didi who has an IEP. This is what doing right by our upcoming generations looks like!

For my husband and I, it has been a true blessing to have an excellent school for our son. A school that helps not only in intellectual development, but sows seeds of greatness in them.

I invite you to fight for the basic rights any child in our State of Connecticut should have- to fair funding /equal funding regardless of where he/she lives, their financial status or their race!

I stand in support of SB 948, SB 949 and SB 886.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Karla Ramirez and Family

